REMARKS

The above amendments are being added to claims in the response filed April 28, 2006, in connection with Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 6, 2006.

Status of the Claims

As outlined above, claims 13-21 stand for consideration in this application, while claims 13, 16 and 19 are being amended to correct formal errors and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention.

Conclusion

Favorable consideration of this application as amended is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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